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January 7, 1972

Mr. Penn Jones, Jr.
Midlothian Mirror
Midlothian, Texas

Dear Penn:

I've given a lot of thought and consideration as to whether I should or should not allow the "Craig Manuscript" to be printed in any way - i.e.; book form, newspaper excerpts, serials, etc. and have come to the conclusion that it would not benefit me or my family in any good way, therefore, my decision is that I do NOT want it printed in any manner. In addition to the fact that I don't think it would help my situation, my belief is that it would endanger my family and I feel that they've already been through enough; also I have the feeling that it wouldn't help my health. Don't get the issues confused and think that I'm "selling out" because we both know that I'm not. I believe in my country, I have done nothing except tell the truth, which I will continue to do. However I feel that I have been exploited to a stopping point.

The manuscript will be given to my children and will be more valuable historically in the future than it could possibly be at this time. If it were printed now it could only hurt my family. Personally, I sincerely believe that if the material was printed at this time that you would have another "death" to write about - mine. I may not be the smartest person in the world, but, on the other hand, I'm not the dumbest either. I feel that my family should have a chance to lead a "normal" life and I'm going to do everything that I can to see to it that they have that chance.

Rita Musgrove has done a great job in editing the manuscript and she knows that I appreciate the work that she done on it. I would like to have the copy of the manuscript that she put in plastic, to preserve for the kids, it was the copy that you took home with you last summer, the typed carbon. I understand that several copies have been made of the manuscript and I don't expect that I will recover all of them.

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In all probability the manuscript will be put into book form in future years, but this is not the time to do so. I'm using copies of this letter, as shown below, to inform other interested persons of my decision.

Also, I regret that I was not informed of Rita's visit to Dallas in September of 1971, since I understand that she had planned to work on the manuscript at that time, but there was a last minute change in plans. Maybe we can all get together at another time.

Sincerely,

Roger Craig
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